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1. DEPT CONCURS IT WILL BE HELPFUL HOLD GENERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICANS ON UN MATTERS THIS SUMMER. SUCH PROPOSAL MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY APPEALING TO GOM IF PRESENTED AS INITIATING PATTERN OF CONSULTATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE U. S. HOLDS WITH OTHER KEY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. IN THIS CASE TALKS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AT COMMENSURATELY HIGH LEVEL, EITHER IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON OR MEXICO CITY.

2. WE SEE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THESE WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS AND SEPARATE, SPECIFIC CONSULTATIONS ON DETAILS OF ILC DRAFT ARTICLES CONTEMPLATED REFS B AND D. IN VIEW OF HIGHLY DEVELOPED AND STRONGLY HELD GOM POSITION ON ILC
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ARTICLES WHICH ADVERSE TO U. S. VIEWS ON SOME FUNDAMENTAL POINTS, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT AT APPROPRIATE TIME TO FOLLOW UP SEPARATELY ON GOM COMMITMENT (PARA 2 OF REF B) TO HOLD DETAILED CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER. TO DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT EXCLUSIVELY IN CONTEXT OF BROADER CONSULTATIONS COULD DILUTE EFFORT AND WOULD RISK LINK WITH ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GOM ON WHICH U. S. MAY NOT BE

IN A POSITION TO BE FORTHCOMING. . S. DID NOT PRESSURE MEXICO IN THE CASE. BACK PAGE

REPORTS ON THE PRESIDENT' S HALTING THE SEARCH AND INVESTIGATION. THERE IS ALSO A REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH THREE OF THE RELEASED PRISONERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE THREE PLAN TO RETURN FROM CUBA TO CONTINUE THE REVOLUTION. PAGE NINE FEATURES A FULL- PAGE ARTICLE WITH PHOTOS ON THE THIRTY RELEASED PRISONERS. PAGE ELEVEN FEATURES AN ARTICLE ON THE PRISONERS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SAUSI GALINDO, A PRISONER WHO IS GOING TO CUBA RELUCTANTLY AND WHO PLANS TO RETURN TO MEXICO BECAUSE OF HIS GOOD CHANCES TO BE FREED LEGALLY.

EL DIA: FRONT PAGE GIVES SEVERAL ARTICLES ON MEXICAN GOVERNMENT' S ACTION TO SAFEGUARD THE LIFE OF LEONHARDY. THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE KIDNAPPERS ARE ON PAGE THREE. EL DIA USES THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA THAT THE DEED IS " CRIMINAL AND UNFAIR" (RIMINAL E INJUSTO). ALL OF PAGE THREE DEDICATED TO COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER ARTICLES, INCLUDING MRS. LEONHARDY' S APPEAL TO THE KIDNAPPERS TO SPARE THE CONSUL' S LIFE.

EL UNIVERSAL: FRONT PAGE: ABOUT HALF OF THE FRONT PAGE DEDICATED TO BY- LINED ARTICLES RELATED TO THE KIDNAPPING AND TO PUBLICATIONS OF THE KIDNAPPERS' COMMUNIQUE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR DEMANDS. ONE OF THE NEWS ITEMS DEALS WITH THE HUMANISTIC THEME ON WHICH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS BASED HIS GOVERNMENT' S FULL COOPERATION WITH THE KIDNAPPERS. ANOTHER REPORTS THE ARRIVAL OF CONSUL LEONHARDY' S WIFE IN GUADALAJARA AND HER BRIEF REMARKS OF APPEAL TO THE KIDNAPPERS TO SPARE HER HUSBAND' S LIFE.

A THIRD ITEM REPORTS ON THE GATHERING OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR FLIGHT TO CUBA. INSIDE PAGES: NOTHING ON THE KIDNAPPING, EXCEPT THE CONTINUATION ON VARIOUS PAGES OF THE STORIES BEGUN ON THE FRONT PAGE.

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